



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blythewood Middle

Richland 2

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 960

Principal: Nancy J. Gregory

Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner

Board Chair: Stephen Shellenberg

## PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2008 | Good            | Below Average | TBD                        | Not Met    | N/A                     |
| 2007 | Average         | At-Risk       | N/A                        | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2006 | Good            | Below Average | N/A                        | Not Met    | N/A                     |

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT

0

GOOD

6

AVERAGE

9

BELOW AVERAGE

0

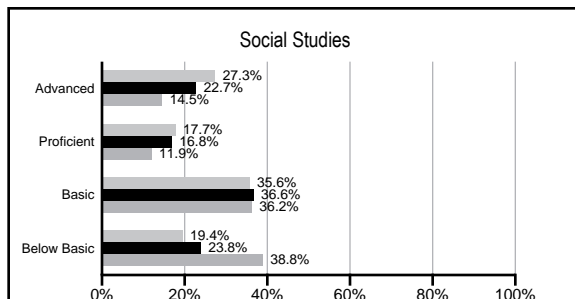
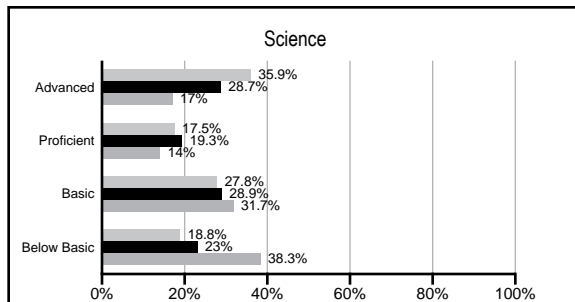
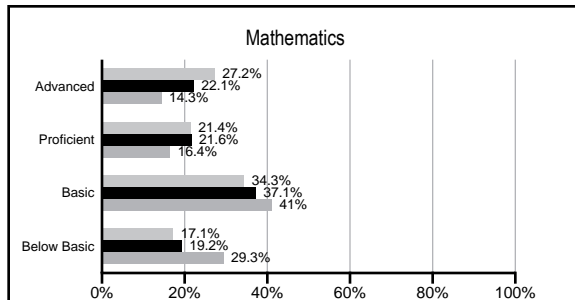
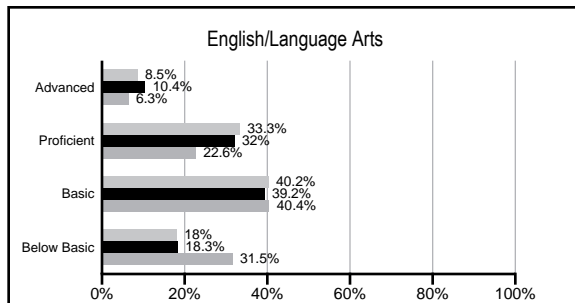
AT-RISK

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\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

|  |    |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina   | 31 | 44 | 23 | 2 |
| Nation   | 27 | 43 | 27 | 2 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced<br>Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced |    |    |    |   |

### MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

|  |    |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina   | 29 | 39 | 24 | 7 |
| Nation   | 30 | 39 | 24 | 7 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced<br>Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced |    |    |    |   |

### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

|  |    |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina   | 46 | 31 | 21 | 2 |
| Nation   | 43 | 30 | 24 | 3 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced<br>Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced |    |    |    |   |

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 100.0%            | 95.5%                                  |
| English 1                             | 0%                | 95.6%                                  |
| Physical Science                      | 0%                | 50.0%                                  |
| All Subjects                          | 100.0%            | 95.7%                                  |

## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

2020 Goal: TBD

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools<br>with Students<br>Like Ours | Median<br>Middle<br>School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=960)</b>  |            |                       |  |                            |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)             | 66.8%      | Up from 49.5%         | 35.5%  | 19.4%                      |
| Retention rate   | 1.6%       | Down from 1.8%        | 1.2%   | 1.8%                       |
| Attendance rate  | 96.7%      | Up from 96.5%         | 96.7%  | 95.8%                      |
| Eligible for gifted and talented   | 25.6%      | No Change             | 27.6%  | 15.3%                      |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 8.9%       | Down from 9.5%        | 8.9%   | 12.9%                      |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 1.7%       | Down from 2.5%        | 1.0%   | 0.7%                       |
| Annual dropout rate  | 0.0%       | Down from 0.2%        | 0.0%   | 0.0%                       |
| <b>Teachers (n=63)</b>   |            |                       |  |                            |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 73.0%      | Down from 76.6%       | 59.4%  | 55.0%                      |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 66.7%      | Down from 79.7%       | 75.0%  | 70.6%                      |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                        | 3.9%       | Up from 3.6%          | 3.4%   | 5.4%                       |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                      | 85.3%      | Up from 82.2%         | 85.3%  | 83.4%                      |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 95.3%      | Down from 96.7%       | 95.3%  | 94.9%                      |
| Average teacher salary   | \$47,758   | Down 1.8%             | \$45,980                                     | \$44,706                   |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                            | 0.0%       | No Change             | 1.4%   | 2.9%                       |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                            |
| Principal's years at school  | 9.0        | Up from 8.0           | 7.0  | 3.0                        |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                     | 19.0 to 1  | Down from 23.4 to 1   | 22.0 to 1                                    | 20.1 to 1                  |
| Prime instructional time   | 90.5%      | Down from 92.1%       | 90.1%  | 89.3%                      |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Good       | No Change             | Good   | Good                       |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                        |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent                                    | Good                       |
| Dollars spent per pupil*   | \$6,571    | Down 6.0%             | \$6,292                                      | \$7,097                    |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction*                                   | 70.0%      | Up from 68.5%         | 65.7%  | 64.4%                      |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*                              | 66.3%      | Up from 64.9%         | 60.9%  | 59.4%                      |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 71.4%      |                       | 76.2%  | 69.0%                      |

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 50       | 220       | 127      |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 98.0%    | 84.3%     | 89.3%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0%   | 81.1%     | 84.9%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 100.0%   | 84.3%     | 78.6%    |

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

At Blythewood Middle School, the school and community support each other producing an environment that maximizes the intellectual, physical and emotional growth of our students. We are committed to the development of the unique potential of each student through a comprehensive and challenging academic program that embraces the best of traditional and innovative practices.

We were proud to be named as a School to Watch by the National Forum for Middle Grades Reform earlier this year. This prestigious national honor was based on a rigorous review of our school in the areas of academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and structures. Blythewood Middle becomes one of three schools in the state to receive this honor along with 123 schools nationwide.

We were also recognized this year for our outstanding literacy program by being named as a finalist for the state's Exemplary Reading Award along with efforts in closing the achievement gap by the Education Oversight Committee. Our Teacher of the Year, Sherri Whitlock, served as the District Teacher of the Year, while Mrs. Nancy Donny was recognized as one of the state's top reading teachers.

Our students continued to excel at local, state, and national competitions throughout the 2007-2008 school year, maintaining a tradition of excellence. Students sustained efforts to make significant contributions to our community through service projects. This year we expanded our scope to the international arena through a service project in Haiti.

Blythewood Middle School continues to offer students a tailored academic program of study to meet their individual needs. We encourage your participation in school activities and appreciate your continued support as we work together to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

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Rodney Reid, SIC Chairperson

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